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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Hearing on H.R. 2300: Civil Service Spouse Retirement Equity Act

1. On 20 June I attended a House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service hearing regarding previously introduced former spouse legislation affecting the Civil Service at large (Civil Service Spouse Retirement Equity Act--H.R. 2300). This Bill would incorporate former spouse provisions into the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) similar to those already contained in the CIA Retirement and Disability System, i.e., the basic purpose is to provide a qualified former spouse of a Federal employee with a portion of the employee's CSRS annuity.

2. The Office of Personnel Management went on record as opposing this Bill and as a result it was redrafted to provide only survivor benefits to former spouses. It will now go back to the Committee Staff for ironing out some of the technical provisions brought up in the hearing. It is not certain that the Bill will be enacted during this session of Congress. This Bill should not be confused with Congressmen Mazzoli and Whitehurst's bill which will give CIARDS spouses divorced before 1978 the same benefits as those included in the legislation providing benefits to spouses of CIARDS annuitants who were divorced after 1978.

3. The witness list and their testimony is attached.

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